

## Blossom Parade Is Tomorrow

### Festival Climax Starts At 1 O'Clock Sharp

Blossomtime's 40th Grand Floral Parade rolls through the Twin Cities tomorrow in celebration of its 50th anniversary.

It all sounds like a contradiction, but the parades were sus-

pended during World War II and weren't resumed until 1952. The theme "Blossomtime's Parade 50" has given all sorts of ideas to float builders. Any thing goes from the Roaring Twenties to the Space Age.

Grand Marshall for the fifth straight year is Gov. William Milliken who hasn't missed since he succeeded George Romney.

With a big array of bands, beauties and floats, the 117-unit parade only needs the benevolence of the weather to make it a success.

Robert Starbuck, parade chairman, says the procession will start sharply at 1 p.m. when it steps off from State and Elm streets, St. Joseph. The line of march is north on State to Ship street, to Wayne, across the river and down Main street in Benton Harbor to the finish line at Main and Fourth.

Among the more than 30 floats are such bits of nostalgia as Galien's "The Fabulous Fifties" (not so bad, after all); Watervliet Lions' "Days of Silver Beach"; Mr. Smorgasbord's "Childhood Memories"; "Silent Cinema" from New Buffalo; Baroda's "50 Years of Community Friendship"; and, of course, the Michigan Apple Committee picked that World War administration "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree . . .".

The bevy of beauties includes Debbie Zenke, Miss Blossomtime, and her court, and Terry Cousino, Miss Michigan, among others.

For those for with an eye for horse flesh, there's the famous Budweiser hitch of Clydesdales and various sheriff posses.

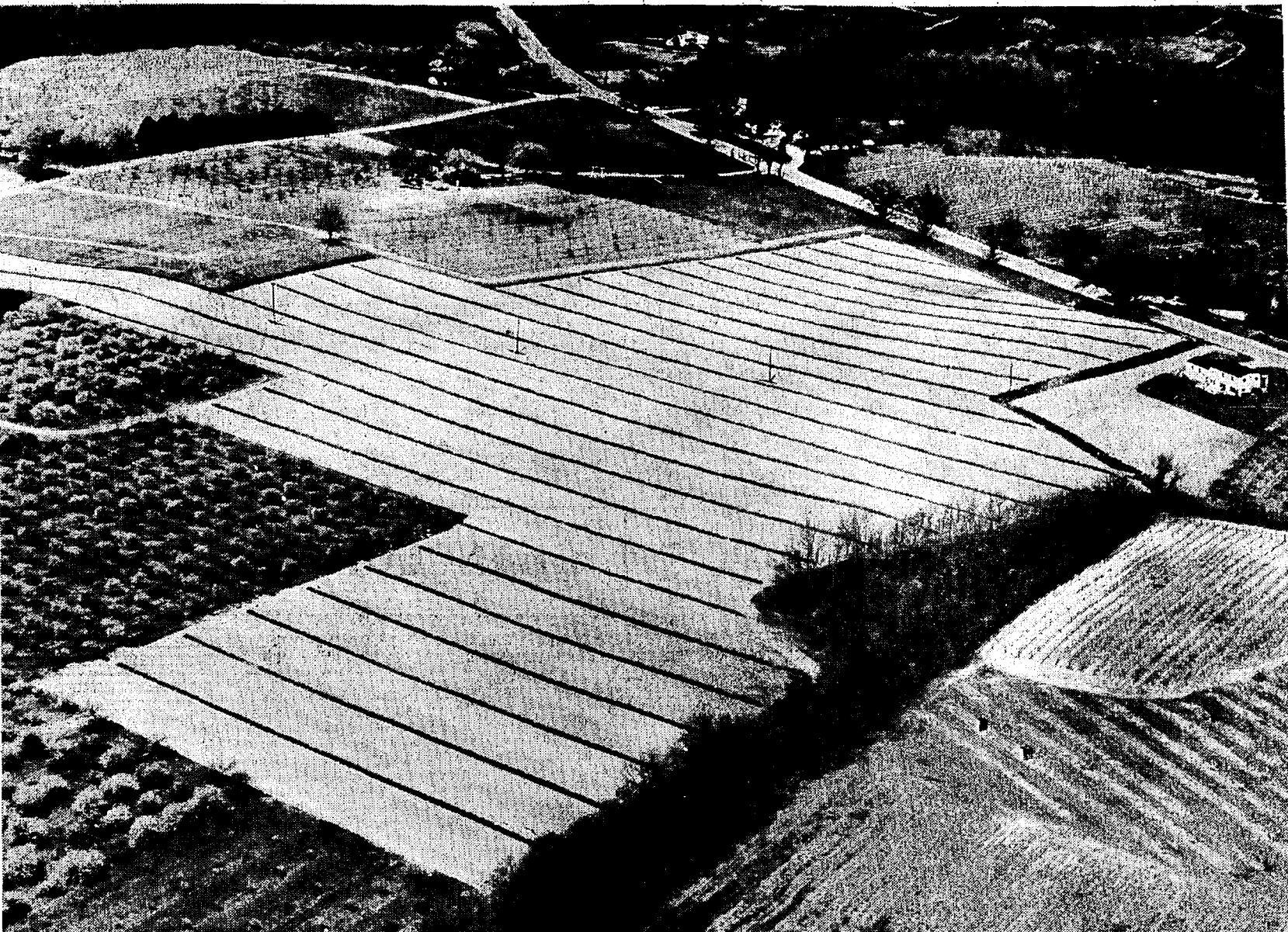
On wheels will be the Indianapolis police motorcycle drill team, Indianapolis 500 race car replicas, and a 1932 Cadillac that appeared in the "The Godfather."

Marching the two-mile route will be high school bands from southwestern Michigan.

The festival winds up Saturday night with the Grand Floral Ball at Shadowland, St. Joseph, and the Blossomtime Square Dance at Benton Harbor high school.

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**TOMATO FIELD:** Looking somewhat like ruled lines on tablet page, a 27-acre tract on Duane Carter farm near Coloma is ready for planting of some 135,000 new tomato plants. Carter was to plant seven acres to an early variety on May 1 and take his chances with frost. He will use irrigation to

fight frost if needed. Remainder of plants will go in around mid-May. Dark lines across field are strips of rye left to serve as windbreaks for young plants. Windbreak protects tender plants from spring winds and flying sand. Entire field was planted to

rye last fall, and 4-foot wide strips were left every 50 feet apart when field was plowed this spring. Red Arrow highway runs across upper left. Carter farm is two miles west of Coloma. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann).



GOV. MILLIKEN  
Parade Marshal

### Parade Forecast Is Good

If area fruit buds can make it through the night, Blossomtime festivities should end tomorrow in great fashion with the 50th anniversary Blossom Parade. The weather tomorrow should be parade-perfect.

The U.S. Weather Bureau in Grand Rapids has issued a frost or freeze warning for tonight with temperatures in southwestern Michigan to range between the upper 20's to mid-30's.

The forecast for Saturday afternoon calls for sunny skies with temperatures in the upper 50's to lower 60's. The parade will begin in St. Joseph at 1 p.m.

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## SJ To BH Postal Shift Called Off!

The U.S. Postal Service has called off its plan to transfer over half of the personnel of the St. Joseph post office to Benton Harbor.

St. Joseph Postmaster Robert E. McMullen said he received word this morning from District Manager Lewis J. McNaughton, Jr. of Grand Rapids, of the reversal of plans.

McMullen indicated it was the solution of a major parking problem around the post office that resulted in cancellation of plans to detail 39 of St. Joseph's 82 postal employees to the Benton Harbor post office late this

month.

The City of St. Joseph Wednesday gave the post office free use of a city-owned lot behind the post office for vehicles some 19 postal and the cars of post office employees.

McMullen said use of the city lot has opened up the regular parking lot to the south of the post office to use by more customers. The postmaster said there already has been a marked increase of postal business in the lobby, as result of improved parking for patrons.

"This is a good indication that the customers have been using other postal facilities in the area to avoid the parking and traffic congestion at the St. Joseph post office," McMullen stated this morning.

Both District Manager McNaughton and McMullen expressed their appreciation to the St. Joseph city fathers for their action in making the added parking area available.

The now-cancelled transfer would have involved all letter carriers and all vehicles of the St. Joseph post office.



POSTMASTER McMULLEN  
Postmen Will Stay

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Open House at Jannert's. Walk thru, see our selection of flower & vegetable plants, bulk garden seed. Sat. 8-6, Sun. 10-6. Jannert's Garden Center, Cleveland Ave., Baroda, Ph. 422-1534.



MAKING HER STATEMENT: Martha Mitchell, wife of former Attorney General John Mitchell, answers newsmen's questions outside her lawyer's New York office Thursday after giving a disposition of a Watergate affair civil case. (AP Wirephoto)

## THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing EditorIt's Not A Good Year  
For The Big Board

The Big Board, as the New York Stock Exchange is commonly known, has turned into the institutional equivalent of the Incredible Shrinking Man. The Dow Jones average is in another prolonged slump. The volume of shares traded has declined sharply, and in February no less than 56 per cent of the exchange's member firms were running in the red. Most disheartening of all, perhaps, the going price for a seat on the exchange has dropped below \$100,000—one-fifth as much as a seat cost only four years ago.

Perhaps this is merely another temporary slump for the securities industry, which is accustomed to alternating star roles by the bear and the bull. Or perhaps not. Many Wall Street observers believe that the present method of trading stocks and bonds is antiquated and that a new system is needed.

Asked to account for the industry's current troubles, NYSE Chairman James J. Needham told *Business Week*: "You've got to look at transactions. The volume isn't really the key. When you know who's doing business with whom, you see how many transactions are between institutions—and negotiated rates have knocked \$80 million a year out of our member firms' revenues from institutional business... Brokers' interest costs have gone up. Occupancy costs have gone up. Salary costs have gone up. Underwritings are down substantially."

Bad as conditions are today on Wall Street, they pale in comparison with the near-debacle of 1970. At that time, many brokerage houses did not have proper accounting. "They didn't know if they were making or losing money," *Forbes* magazine recently noted. "Brokerage houses on the verge of

bankruptcy merged with other houses to save themselves only to discover the other houses were on the verge of bankruptcy, too, but hadn't realized it."

When the crisis passed, Congress approved a law creating a Securities Investor Protection Corp. to safeguard investors' interests. In addition, the New York Stock Exchange greatly strengthened its rules on capital requirements for member firms. And so, when the exchange posted a record total of 4.14 billion shares traded in 1972 (an average of 16.5 million a day), happy times seemed to have returned to Wall Street.

The euphoria has since faded. At the end of March, the NYSE announced an 800,000 drop in the number of individual shareholders, the first such decline since it began keeping records 20 years ago. The "little guy" investor, badly burned in the 1969-70 bear market, is now putting his money into savings, accounts, bonds, and commodity futures.

Another cause for gloom is proposed federal legislation that would end fixed stock-brokerage commission rates by April 30, 1974. At present, stock commissions are fixed on the first \$300,000 of a transaction but are negotiated on the balance of a large trade.

The institutional traders that now dominate the stock market may eventually overwhelm it. Columnist Chris Welles predicted recently that, "We will very soon begin to see examples of institutions owning enough stock in a company to influence corporate policy, dominating trading in that company's stock, and controlling the Wall Street house which is the company's investment banker or which is the major marketmaster in its stock." No wonder Wall Street is gloomy.

Rail Slowdown Makes  
'Docile' Japs Go Loco

The Japanese are so polite and formal in their every-day dealings with one another and so law-abiding—Tokyo is one of the safest cities in the world—that it is difficult to visualize thousands of rampaging commuters battling with thousands of police, as happened the other day in Tokyo.

The cause was union slowdowns in service on the national railroads, which have been continuing off and on since the beginning of the year.

The worst outbreak of violence, sparked by the prospect of a weekend strike, saw angry commuters smashing train windows, beating up railroad employees and sacking ticket offices. An entire train was burned in one Tokyo suburb.

Actually, your average American, who groused and gripes at the slightest

inconvenience, may be more uncomplaining in the face of this kind of general adversity than the supposedly docile Japanese. As long as he knows that everyone else is in the same boat, the American will put up with almost any degree of imposition.

Witness the good-humored behavior of New Yorkers, for instance, during subway strikes or garbage strikes or power blackouts or whatever.

Then again, it has to be considered that Japan has one of the finest mass transit systems in the world. If Americans enjoyed anything remotely approaching it, and if they were, as dependent upon it as the Japanese, they might resort to violence, too, if it was affected by deliberate "sabotage," which is the word the Japanese use to describe worker slowdowns.

## Keep It Locked

Americans do not like to admit they must keep their possessions under lock to prevent them from being stolen, but the man would be foolish indeed who left money or jewels lying around in the open where they could be seen—and taken.

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Why, then, is there such hesitancy about locking an automobile? A car is one of the more valuable possessions of the average family. Does it not deserve protection from thieves?

Part of the answer may lie in a false sense of security many car owners have about their vehicles. Few persons condone leaving the key in the ignition, and if the ignition is locked isn't that sufficient safeguard against theft?

Nope. An amateur car thief can cross ignition wires in minutes. Many of them do, to the tune of hundreds of thousands of cars stolen each year.

One of the primary reasons why the largest cities have the highest incidences of crime is the concentration of opportunities for professional and amateur thieves alike, not to mention the teenager out for a thrill. Many autos are taken by the thrill seekers and abandoned after a night of joyriding, or when the gas tank runs dry.

Locking a car does not guarantee that windows may not be smashed to gain entry, but the crash of broken glass involves a chance of discovery most amateurs would rather not assume. Without the aid of the owners, car thefts will not diminish.

## Drifting



## Bruce Biossat

Watergate: More  
Yet To Come

WASHINGTON (NEA) — With so much incredible stuff already laid out on Watergate, the American people may find it hard to accept the notion that much of the story is still concealed from view. Yet this is very likely true.

We already knew that materials had been removed from Hunt's White House desk before the FBI got at them. More recently we learned that a presidential aide, represented by a lawyer who has given the man's name only to a grand jury, removed eight cartons of materials from Hunt's White House office.

Some get cues about the involvement of some Nixon administration figures in this espionage-sabotage undertaking. But only a handful of investigative reporters have developed a consistently useful network of sources which can use cues.

Secondly, though the steady flow of disclosures makes it seem "open season" on nearly everyone tied politically to President Nixon in any way, the fact is most reporters are trying to show restraint. Reputations are at stake, and caution is obviously dictated.

As an example, until FBI sources said Acting Director Patrick Gray destroyed documents pertaining to the Kennedys which had been in the hands of convicted Watergate participant E. Howard Hunt, restraint had to govern comment on Hunt's relationship to others, and the full range of his activities.

I was told weeks ago we had barely seen the tip of the iceberg, that when we got a larger glimmering of Hunt's doings it might make the 1972 bugging of the Democrats' Watergate offices look almost minor.

## Marianne Means

Nixon Still Not  
Off The Hook

## GLANCING BACKWARDS

UNVEILS NEW PLAN  
FOR RIVERFRONT

— 1 Year Ago —

Instead of a high-rise office building, Builder Bill Bloom now wants to erect apartments for senior citizens on that portion of St. Joseph's city-owned riverfront known as the Wallace Lumberyard property.

The high-rise project would be federally subsidized, but owned privately. Bloom told the city commission last night, Bloom supported his bid to buy the Wallace site with sharp criticism of a citizens' petition drive to have the vacant riverfront retained as a green belt park. But the commission took no action on his purchase offer.

NAME ROYALTY  
FOR FUN PARADE

— 10 Years Ago —

Two popular Southwestern Michigan radio personalities — Bandel (Pappy) Linn of WHBF and Miss Diane Hughes of WSJM — will be crowned Fun Parade King and Queen of Jester at special coronation ceremonies to be held in downtown Benton Harbor Friday evening.

Fun Parade Chairman Floyd Moyer made the announcement today. King Bandel and Queen Diane will reign at the Fun Parade Friday evening, May 10, at the street dance immediately following the parade, and they will appear in the Grand Floral Parade May 11.

REPULSE JAPS  
NEAR KOHIMA

— 25 Years Ago —

Furious Japanese attempts to capture the allied base of Kohima in eastern India before the monsoon rains set in have been repulsed but there is no indication of a let-up in fighting all along the Burma-India front.

With the monsoon rains due within two weeks, the Japanese are making a last grasp assault on allied troops entrenched in Kohima town, 35 miles south of the important Bengal-Assam railroad, and on defenders of Imphal, important Indian border base 660 miles south of Kohima.

## FULL BLOOM

— 35 Years Ago —

Blossom week, starting May 6, will find orchards of the famous fruit section in full bloom. Continued warm weather is developing the buds, so that by Monday the pear and cherry trees will be in full bloom.

## FIRST PLACE

— 49 Years Ago —

Shirley King, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L.A. King, and St. Joseph Kiwanis club entry in the Blossom Queen race, swept into first place in the official count of ballots received in the past 24 hours.

## ASKS FUNDS

— 59 Years Ago —

Alderman C.E. Dickinson has asked that \$5,000 of city funds be set aside for construction of a concrete stairway to the new Pere Marquette passenger depot at the foot of Broad street.

## NEW BUSINESS

— 82 Years Ago —

The business house known as "The Fair" is soon to occupy a room on the east side of State street between Broad and Pleasant streets.

It won't be that simple. The focus of the Watergate revelations thus far has been upon the Gestapo-like Activities directed by some of the President's most powerful domestic advisers and financed out of his overstuffed Presidential campaign coffers.

But the real tragedy of the Nixon Administration may not lie in the way in which millions were illegally spent but in what officials did or promised to do in order to get those millions in the first place.

When this is all over, the public may well have to conclude that their democracy has been offering a new product — government for sale. There is already so much suspicion of corruption in the air that the President is going to have difficulty in restoring public faith in the decision-making process, no matter what he says nor how honorably he behaves.

Not enough investigating has yet been done into the process by which Nixon's campaign officials acquired huge sums of cash in secret contributions from private individuals doing business with the government.

But too many coincidences have already surfaced not to suspect that cash payments influenced Federal policy decisions somewhere along the line. The public interest does not always seem to have been high on the Administration's list of priorities.

Former Attorney General Richard Kleindienst and Assistant Attorney General Henry Petersen are reported to have turned down an urgent, FBI request for authority to continue electronic bugging which had begun to reveal Teamster Union connections with the Mafia. Coincidentally, the Teamsters Union endorsed President Nixon for re-election and contributed heavily to his campaign.

Former White House assistant John Ehrlichman has conceded he met twice with representatives of accused swindler Robert Vesco, who he was aware was in serious trouble with the Securities and Exchange Commission. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, Vesco himself met with former Attorney General John Mitchell, who subsequently phoned Vesco's lawyer to arrange a meeting between the lawyer and SEC Chairman William Casey. Mitchell also reportedly helped to arrange Vesco's release from a Swiss jail after Vesco had been arrested in regard to a stockholder's suit. A grand jury has been probing the matter. Coincidentally, former Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans accepted a contribution of about \$200,000 in cash from Vesco.

## EDITOR'S MAILBAG

CHANGE 'BECK'  
TO 'BECHT'

Editor,

Pictures and captions in Thursday's paper which related to road signs in Coloma township carries mis-information which should be corrected before further errors are made.

I refer to the sign, "Beck Rd." at DeField road and the sign "Becht Rd." at the corner of Little Paw Paw Lake Road.

The captions indicated that Engineer-Manager Calvin Heath thought the name "Beck" was the correct name while "Becht" had come about through weathering over 20 years.

Not so. The name "Becht" was given the road honoring early settlers of that name, and numerous descendants still live in the Coloma area. The name "Beck" came about because people did not pronounce the name correctly and so someone in recent years marked the road incorrectly "Beck" since it sounded like that to them.

I called attention to the error of "Carmody" for "Carmody" some years ago in this newspaper but no correction was made. I am glad to see "Carmody" correctly spelled.

If we are going to honor our early settlers by use of their names to mark roads or other sites why do we not at least spell their names correctly.

I am surprised that some of the Becht family have not protested the error before now, or that the Historical Society has not done so.

Please, Mr. Heath, leave "Becht" Road alone and change the sign "Beck" to "Becht." I've lived in this area three quarters of a century and know whereof I speak.

Dorothy Warriner  
Coloma

CONSERVATISM  
AT A GALLOP

Editor,

Although I recently moved to the area, I knew about it enough in advance to expect a conservative slant in your paper. That's fine, on the editorial page. But when it creeps into regular news reporting,

## RETURNING TO SHOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Barry Goldwater apparently liked the 1971 Paris air show so much he's going back this year, again as the President's personal representative.

## BERRY'S WORLD



"This is the story of Pinocchio. His trouble was, his nose grew longer every time he made statements that were 'inoperative'."

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH. FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1973

Twin City  
Highlights

## King School Float Parade's Best

## Kids Display Ingenuity

BY DICK DERRICK

SJ City Editor

Blossomtime Kiddies Parade warmed up a crowd of nearly 10,000 in downtown St. Joseph Thursday with a display of youthful ingenuity in float themes and imagination in costumes.

Pupils of Martin Luther King school, Benton Harbor, climaxed four months of work by winning the sweepstakes

award. Their float depicted a king destroying a four-headed dragon that represented drug abuse, inequality, crime and violence.

The sweepstakes winner comes from float division A which is open competition with a 30 square foot limit on size and \$50 limit on materials.

Temperatures were in the low 40's and a sharp wind off Lake Michigan discouraged many of

the younger parade participants. There were fewer animal entries. There was only one horse and a half dozen dogs.

A traffic jam on Main street, St. Joseph, developed about the time the parade started at 3:30 p.m. Whirlpool Corporation's St. Joseph Division workers and workers from plants in South St. Joseph normally get out about 3:30 p.m. and that filled up Main street. At the height of the

traffic jam the parade ended adding more traffic. There were no injuries but some fractured dispositions, St. Joseph police said.

Military men judging marching units named the YWCA Sprites as the best marching group. Cub Scout Pack 60 of Benton Harbor was the best marching scout group and Troops 34 and 71 were named the best girl and brownie scout

marchers.

D. Wayne Root, general chairman, said cooperation was excellent and there were few incidents. Weather held both the crowd and the number of participants down, he said.

Bands were from St. Joseph, Martindale, Bridgeman, Coloma and Benton Harbor.

Mark Adkins, a sixth grader at Martin Luther King school, Benton Harbor, developed the idea for the sweepstakes winning float. An armored king slaying a dragon by a castle was the winning theme. Classmate Bobby Mosley worked for months on constructing the papier mache, seven-foot high figure of the king (Dr. Martin Luther King). He and Mrs. Alan Kimmery, art teacher, designed the castle. Mrs. Kimmery said that one time or another 400 youngsters in the school played a part in collecting material and in float construction. The float was accompanied by six kingsmen—a group riding horses they had made. They were Mark Adkins, Bobby Mosley, Steven Lerty, James Cleve, Johnny Mosley and Steve Dede.

The list of award winners:

Class A Floats—Martin Luther King school. Honorable mention to Stump and Sodus schools and Singing Sands Girl Scouts.

Class B Floats—Pearl school for the malt shop of the 50's. Honorable mention to Cathy Kasper, of St. Joseph, and Karen Rathgeb, Benton Harbor.

Class C Floats—Ann, John and Marie Houseal, Indians "Just Paddlin' Along." Honorable mention to Kim and Karen Kasischke and June Russell, St. Joseph.

Costumed groups—Wizard of Oz, Mindy Byrns and Birgette Koch, Washington School, St. Joseph. Honorable mention to Lake Michigan Catholic Middle school, Benton Harbor, and Cub scout Den 4, Pack 4, Benton Harbor.

Tricycles and doll cabs—John Walker, St. Joseph.

Horse—Terry Sing, Benton Harbor.

Pets—Kevin Smith, Coloma. Honorable mention to Dennis Conto, St. Joseph, and Rayetta Hicks and Laurie Flood, Benton Harbor.

Decorated bicycles—Brenda Pittman, St. Joseph. Honorable mention to Alec Green, St. Joseph, and Shane McCarthy, Benton Harbor.

Marching units—YWCA Sprites, St. Joseph. Honorable mention to St. Mark's 4-H group, Benton Harbor, and 4-H Fantastic 50, St. Joseph.

Baton Corps—Judy Brown's Baton School, St. Joseph. Honorable mention to Bangor Angelettes, Bangor.

Baton Twirlers—Patti Rissley, Bangor. Honorable mention to Phyllis Darnell, Bangor.

Boy and Cub Scouts—Pack 60, Benton Harbor. Honorable mention to Pack 27, Benton Harbor, and Pack 65, Benton Harbor.

Girl and Brownie Scouts—Troops 34 and 71, Jefferson school. Honorable mention to Troop 210, St. Joseph, and Troop 205, Benton Harbor.

Decorated wagons—Paul and Karen Taylor and Ladd Cahoon, St. Joseph. Honorable mention to Susan Stout and five brothers and sisters, St. Joseph, and Christa and David Blas and Trace Powers.

Costumed individuals—Jennifer Flaugher, Benton Harbor. Honorable mention to Chris Arent, St. Joseph, and Monica Little, St. Joseph.



KIDDIES SWEEPSTAKES WINNER: Martin Luther King school in Benton Harbor had Class A and Sweepstakes winning float. It depicts Dr. Martin Luther King in armor fighting four-headed dragon. (Staff photo).



COLD PARADE: It must have been opening day of the season for these two baseballers, it was so cold. (Staff photo).

## Federal Funds Are Sought For Fidelity Renovation

By BILL RUSH  
Staff Writer

Berrien county health officials have applied for \$75,000 in federal Hill-Burton funds to renovate the Fidelity Insurance building at 789 Pipestone street in Benton Harbor.

The new health department headquarters was purchased last February with \$185,000 from the county board of commissioners. The board also added \$75,000 for renovation.

Architects have estimated the building may not be ready for occupancy until the spring of 1974. The building will consolidate health services now scattered in various locations in the county.

In applying for the federal funds, the county health department cited the following health need factors:

35 per cent of residents in Benton Harbor receive public assistance, one of the highest welfare percentages in the country.

The 1971 illegitimate birth rate in the county was 166 per 1,000 births, and 376 per 1,000 in Benton Harbor.



KEY TO BENTON HARBOR: Miss Benton Harbor, Jill Herman, receives key to city from Mayor Charles F. Joseph during Benton Harbor merchants breakfast honoring queens at Travel Inn Thursday. Watching presentation (from left) are:

Miss Herman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Herman; John Kwader, from Twin Cities Embroidery and Specialties; and Rod Halstead, principal at Benton Harbor high school. (Staff photo)



CLASS B WINNER: Pearl school, Benton Harbor, won first place in Class B float division with its "Malt Shop of the 50's". (Staff photo)

## BH, SJ Police Announce Traffic Rules For Parade

Benton Harbor and St. Joseph police have announced the driving and parking restrictions for the Blossomtime Parade, which begins Saturday at 1 p.m. in St. Joseph.

Persons wishing to park in the vicinity of the parade in Benton Harbor, can park on the site of the old Fruit Market, adjacent to K-Mart. To reach the field, turn south on Twelfth street, off Main, and drive two blocks.

In Benton Harbor, traffic west bound on Main street will be discontinued at 12:45 p.m. East bound traffic on Main must clear the street by 1 p.m. After 1 p.m., no cars can be parked on Main street, from the River

bridge to Third; on Market street, between Pipestone and Wall; on Wall street, between Market and Summit.

In St. Joseph, parking on the following streets will be prohibited beginning Saturday at 1 a.m.: Central avenue, Sutherland avenue and Lake boulevard. Sections of the following streets will be prohibited for parking: State, from Hoyt to Ship; Wayne, from Ship to the River bridge; Ship, from State to Wayne.

Also in St. Joseph, no parking will be allowed on these streets between Main and Lake boulevard: Port, Elm, Market, Pearl, Park, Price and Jones.

Parking will be permitted on State street, north of Elm street, until 11:30 a.m. The parking lot at State and Elm streets will be closed from 5 p.m. May 4 until the conclusion of the parade.

On Saturday, US-33 and I-94 business loop traffic will be detoured onto Central, Sutherland, Port and Lake beginning at 12:30 p.m.

## Square, Round Dance Saturday Night In BH

The 15th annual Blossomtime Festival Square and Round dance will be held Saturday night at 7:30 in the Benton Harbor high school gymnasium.

All square dancers and round dancers are invited to attend. Several clubs will be represented with visitors from many states

also expected to attend. Tickets may be purchased at the door and all proceeds will be given to Blossomtime, Inc.

The squares will be called by Ben Baldwin of Champaign, Ill. The rounds will begin at 7:30 p.m. with Buzz Pereira of Niles cueing.

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## New Buffalo Condominiums Clear Legal Hurdles

**NEW BUFFALO** — Construction on a multi-million dollar condominium development at Sunset Shores, delayed repeatedly since first proposed in 1970, is expected to begin in four to six months.

Atty. Joseph Killian of St. Joseph said yesterday that legal impediments to the project have been formally resolved and Jerry Pals and associates of South Holland, Ill., project developers, are proceeding immediately with plans for construction. Announcement that a settlement was pending was made previously by city officials. Final clearance came when a circuit court lawsuit, filed by persons opposed to the project was dismissed because of the out-of-court agreement.

The agreement, Pals said, stipulates that the 28.9 acre site

be used only for residential or condominium-type dwellings and that condominiums be no more than three stories high.

Estimates of development costs in 1970 were \$9.6 million for 350 housing units in eight five-story buildings.

Pals said that because of the three-story limit that he is now planning 300 units. Any more than that, he said, would crowd the site.

Exact plans, however, won't be completed until next week when Pals said he would meet with architects and engineers.

Pals said he has applied to New Buffalo township for a permit to build a model north of New Buffalo near the old U.S. 12 weigh station. He said he also is in the process of obtaining a

permit from the state department of commerce for a grade crossing over the railroad tracks to the model site.

Pals said that as far as the condominium development is concerned buildings would be located far enough from the lake that shoreline erosion would not be a problem.

The complex, he said, will include swimming pool, tennis courts and other recreational facilities for future residents.

Under the condominium plan, persons will purchase units similar to purchasing an individual house. When the project was first announced, selling prices ranged from \$23,900 for a one-bedroom unit to \$31,900 for three bedrooms.

The development was announced in 1970, but was delayed by

opposition to rezoning the site from single family residential and by the court action.

Last August, following trial last April and May before Judge William S. White in Berrien circuit court, Judge White ruled in favor of the developers and knocked out 1960 property restrictions barring anything but single-family dwellings on the site.

Claim to appeal the decision, however, had held up plans for construction until the out-of-court agreement.

In December, 1970, residents of New Buffalo voted 412 to 225 in a special referendum to permit the zoning change for the project.



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### Covert School Board

## Two Protest Nomination Of Successor To Johnson

**COVERT** — Covert school board members Maurice Colombe Jr. and Mrs. Alice Blair last night objected to not having been informed in advance of the nomination of a new board member who was subsequently appointed.

The objections, which came during a special school board meeting, were aimed at the nomination of Jerome Shumate in a letter to the Van Buren Intermediate school board. The letter was signed by the remaining four Covert board members.

The intermediate board Wednesday approved Shumate's appointment. He takes the seat of Alfred Johnson that was declared vacant by the Covert board in January.

Johnson has disputed his ouster and attended and voted at recent board meetings. He was not present last night.

Colombe charged that the nomination of Shumate "is not legal action" because it was done at "a closed meeting." To be legal, he said, the nomination should have come at a legally called public meeting.

Colombe said after the meeting that he plans to contact state department of education officials regarding the action.

He said he objected to the manner in which Shumate was nominated and appointed, not to Shumate's selection.

Shumate was superintendent of Covert schools from Nov. 1964 to June 1966. He attended last night's session.

Following Colombe's objections during the meeting, board president Harry Sarno stated that the Covert board could act on appointment of a member to fill Johnson's seat at last night's meeting since the matter was on the agenda.

Colombe then moved, and Mrs. Blair seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was passed by a split voice vote.

Also objecting to the nomination procedure was Mrs. Octavia Hawkins.

"The community should have been given the respect of know-

ing" the nomination was being made and "given the opportunity to voice opinions for or against it," she stated.

The protest session was preceded by an hour-long closed board meeting that at times turned into a shouting match between various board members over the nomination procedure.

The shouting could be heard by the dozen spectators waiting outside the meeting room for the public session to begin.

The nomination letter was signed by Sarno, Mrs. Ernestine Kahn, Carl Gregerit and Harold Bracken.

Sarno said Wednesday that Mrs. Blair and Colombe had not been advised of the request to the intermediate board that Shumate be appointed. He said they have sided with Johnson in the dispute over whether his removal from the board is valid.

Shumate's appointment is effective until the June 11 school election when the remaining year of Johnson's term is to be filled by district voters.

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**FRED L. GRANGER**  
Honorary Grand Marshal

Johnson said earlier yesterday that he has not decided if he will accept the intermediate board's decision and resign, or contest it and go to court.

Johnson's seat was declared vacant because of alleged excessive absenteeism and on basis of state law which requires that board members reside in the district.

John Porter, state superintendent of public instruction, has issued an opinion that a vacancy has existed on the Covert board since Johnson moved to Benton Harbor in April 1973.

Johnson has refused to accept Porter's opinion as a removal notice. He has said he will leave the board when ordered to do so by legally constituted authorities.

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Granger was born and reared in Lexington, Mich., graduated from Michigan State university, and in 1913 came to Benton Harbor where he founded Producers Service Corp. He retired from business a number of years ago.

## Prosecutor Answers 'Ad'

### Paw Paw Pair Arrested On 'Pot' Charge

BY STEVE McQUOWN

Paw Paw Bureau

**PAW PAW** — Sometimes it just doesn't pay to advertise. For example, a sign on a window box in an apartment here proclaimed "Our marijuana patch."

The sign caught the eye of Van Buren Prosecutor William Buhl as he walked to work and led to the arrest yesterday of two people on charges of possession of marijuana and the confiscation of 104 suspected marijuana plants.

Taken into custody were Vivian Conklin, 21, and Ronald Elley, 30, who both listed 114 North Niles street, Paw Paw, as their home address. Both pleaded innocent to the charges when arraigned in Seventh District court.

Paw Paw police said Buhl noticed them after seeing the sign and plants in the box. They viewed the window with suspicion, and binoculars, and also viewed the sign "Our marijuana patch."

Paw Paw Police Chief Wayne Groenendal said 104 plants suspected of being marijuana were confiscated.

The plants, when matured and harvested, could have yielded up to a pound of marijuana, he said.

In yet another bizarre case involving a man arrested for illegal possession of marijuana was reported by state police at Paw Paw.

Two state police troopers, James R. Baker and Joseph A. Beauré, stopped at an I-94 rest area in Texas township in Kalamazoo county about 1:45 a.m. Thursday.

A pickup truck pulled in

shortly afterwards, and when the driver was asked to produce a vehicle registration, he had to part the foliage of a number of plants up to three and four feet

tall in the front seat of the truck to get the registration.

The officers arrested a man they identified as Donald James Robertson, 20, of Jack-

son, on a charge of illegal possession of marijuana.

Robertson reportedly told officers he was returning from a trip to Colorado and hadn't

really planned on meeting a police officer.

He was due to be arraigned in Eighth District Court in Kalamazoo.

### Lawton Names 2 As Top Scholars

**LAWTON** — Co-vedaledictorians and salutatorian at Lawton high school were announced today by Richard Weaver, high school principal.

Sharing valedictory honors are James Horak, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Horak, route 1, Paw Paw, and Karen Frank, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Frank, route 2, Lawton.

Michigan university to prepare for a career in medical technology. A member of the National Honor society, she also is president of the band. She also has worked on the yearbook staff, served on the student



**KAREN FRANK**  
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council and played on the girls softball team.

Horak said he plans to become a minister and part-time architect.

Miss Pringle, who said she

school curriculum at the University of Michigan, is president of the student council and senior class corresponding secretary. She is a member of National Honor society and also secretary of the band.



**RETURNING TO BLOSSOM PARADE:** The famed Indianapolis police motorcycle drill team will appear in Blossomtime's Grand Floral Parade Saturday for the fourth consecutive year. The team has earned 17 championships in 18 years of competition.

## Lincoln's \$2.4 Million Water Project Approved

BY CURT BARTON  
Staff Writer

The proposed \$2.4 million Lincoln township water project is underway.

The order to proceed with the project was approved by the township board last night at a special meeting following the second public hearing of necessity on the plan.

About 25 people attended the hearing, compared to a crowd estimated at 50 at the first hearing, Jan. 23.

Township landowners opposed to the water project and the method by which the board was advancing it succeeded in temporarily blocking the plan at the first meeting. The board has since received petitions from the owners of over 51 per cent of the land involved in the water project urging them to proceed with it.

Ernest Hauch, township supervisor, said work on the project will probably be able to begin this fall, despite the three and half month delay due to the temporary halt.

Bernice Tretthaway, township clerk, said bonds for the project should be sold by Sept. 1, allowing time for advertising for bids and selecting a contractor before winter makes work impossible.

During the public hearing, Thomas Goodgame, of 4482 Winding Lane, said landowners in the Winding Lane-Ridge road area do not desire water service, and asked that mains to that area be deleted from the plan.

Charles Barger, project engineer, said service to that area is necessary to the rest of the plan. Township officials said many undeveloped lots in the area would benefit from water service, and said service to Stewart school is particularly important.

Rocco Graziano, of Stevensville-Baroda road, asked if he will be required to pay the project's \$800 special assessment on a Summerset lot in estates which can no longer be used for building due to lake erosion.

Hauch said lots which cannot be built on will not be assessed the \$800. He said there are other lots along the lakefront in the Summerset estates area which will have to be deleted from the project due to erosion.

Revenue from the sale of water to users in the project is expected to help pay off construction bonds.

The board scheduled another hearing on the project for May 24, when landowners may request not to be included in the special assessment district. Hauch said reason for exclusion would be lots which cannot be built on and would not be benefited by the water project. The hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m., in the township hall.

In other action at the special board meeting after the hearing, the board accepted the low bid of J. G. Yerington company on the construction of two tennis courts and a parking lot at the new township park at John Beers and Roosevelt roads.

Yerington's bid, \$18,042.50, was the lowest of five received. Its acceptance was recommended by the township park commission.

The board approved expenditure of \$1,576 for remodeling in the township hall. Modifications will include expansion of the clerk's office, creation of an office for the building inspector, and storage space for four voting machines. Work will be done by Anderson Building Materials, St. Joseph.

Purchase of \$544 electronic calculator for use in the township office, from Parrett Business Machines, Benton Harbor, was approved.

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